

- III. Claims 1 (in part), 3-6 (in part), 14 (in part), 16-18 (in part) and 20 (in part) drawn to a compound of formula I wherein A is C or CR₁₀ and m is 3;
- IV. Claims 1 (in part), 2, 3-6 (in part), 7, 8, 14 (in part), 15, 16-18 (in part), 19 and 20 (in part) drawn to a compound of formula I wherein A is N and m is 2.
- V. Claims 1 (in part), 3-6 (in part), 14 (in part), 16-18 (in part) and 20 (in part) drawn to a compound of formula I wherein A is N and m is 3;
- VI. Claims 9-13 drawn to a method for the treatment of a central nervous system disorder.

Applicants respectfully traverse the foregoing restriction on the grounds set forth herein. The claimed subject matter resulted from the same inventive effort. The method claims of group VI are specifically limited to the compounds of groups I-V and do not apply to other compounds or a materially different product. If a similar method were practiced with other compounds or a materially different product, the result would not be the same. The compounds of groups I-V provide novel 5-HT₆ receptor site activity which is crucial to the method of treating a disorder related to or affected by the 5-HT₆ receptor that comprises group VI. The searches required for each of the above-identified groups overlap to the extent that such searches would not present an undue burden to Examiner. Further, Examiner has indicated that rejoinder is possible once a claim has been found allowable.

Applicants point out that all of the compounds of claim 1 contain a common core structure, i.e. an indole ring system having one or two nitrogen atoms, and are the result of the same inventive effort. Said compounds may be searched together without undue effort. For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request that Examiner reconsider and withdraw the restriction set forth.

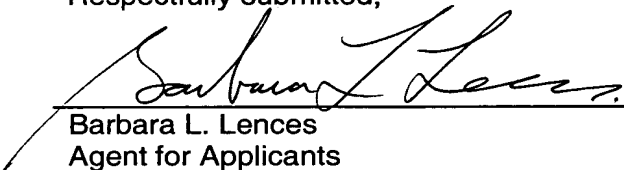
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Notwithstanding the above, and solely in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.143, Applicants hereby provisionally elect group IV, claims 1 (in part), 2, 3-6 (in part), 7, 8, 14 (in part), 15, 16-18 (in part), 19 and 20 (in part) for prosecution herein.

The remaining claims have not been cancelled in order to provide Examiner the opportunity to reconsider and withdraw the original scope of the restriction. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected subject matter.

Prompt and favorable examination is cordially solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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